

City & Guilds Diploma in Design and Craft – Patchwork and Quilting

Course description

- Research for Design - this is not craft specific and is common to all Diploma Creative Study schemes - it is a major inspirational visual source, compiled by yourself, to be used in much the same way as your working designs were in Level 3, as a means of stimulating and inspiring design ideas. The theme for this work is of your own choice and generally a more general topic is selected which then focuses down onto a more specific area of interest e.g. ancient Egypt focusing eventually onto jewellery from this time. This will be used as the design work on which to base your four finished final pieces, which are:-
- A quilt - minimum size 60x60"
- A functional 3-D item
- A miniature quilt
- A set of design work based on mathematical progressions and sequences including both Fibonacci and tessellations.
- A collection of fabrics and materials
- Extending your Level 3 portfolio of techniques and samples. This means learning some new techniques, but also pushing others already covered in Level 3 further by using different and experimental materials and techniques.
- Written, Illustrated Study - history of the last 200 years in Britain and a study of 4 designer makers your own choice.

The City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma Course in Patchwork and quilting focuses on developing the skills and knowledge of students who have successfully completed the City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Patchwork. There are certain rare cases where L3 may not be needed before undertaking this course, for example if someone has large amounts of samples from another source, but generally it is required. The course offers students the opportunity to experiment and a way of developing their personal research and technical skills further to form a collection of work at a professional level.

Course modules

Module 1 Research for Design	Module 7 Designer/Makers Experimental Techniques
Module 2 Fabric Manipulation	Module 8 Mathematical Progressions and Sequences Fibonacci, Golden Section and spirals Tessellations and symmetry Distorted Blocks Proposal for Miniature Quilt
Module 3 Paper	Module 9 Miniature Quilt – Make up Proposal for Functional 3-D Item
Module 4 Designer/Makers Quick Piecing Methods	Module 10 Quilt Design Completed Miniature piece Work on 3-D Item

Module 5 Designer/Makers Miniatures	Module 11 Completed 3-D Item Study of Patchwork History in the UK
Module 6 Designer/Makers New Techniques	Module 12 Complete History Return Finished Quilt

Timescale and fees

There will also be a C&G enrolment fee which is payable at the start of the course. This last for 3 years before requiring renewal. It is usual to take around 8-12 weeks to complete a module, meaning that completion would be in 2.5 - 3 years time, although it is possible to speed this up or slow it down to suit yourself. At present time this course is available postal or as an online course where modules and assessments are online.

At the end of the course a final exhibition of work takes place and an external verifier visits. We hold the exhibition at Eccles Farm each summer for our attending and postal students, if you are unable to attend and display your own work a small fee to arrange for your work to be displayed for you will be required, but this will be discussed well ahead. Those studying online will have an online gallery built for them.

City & Guilds insist that an upper time limit is set on the course so that work remains current and this is 5 years for this course. The cost of the course depends on how many modules you wish to pay for at once. The options are available from our site shop, as are the current C&G and Registration fees.